

Attendance

Chairperson

Dr. W.E.J. Paradise (WP)

Independent Chair

Community Representatives

Tony Lonergan (TL)

Community Representative

Trevor Parkinson (TP)

Community Representative

Llewellyn Bates (LB)

Community Representative

Muswellbrook Shire Council (MSC)

Darryl Marshall (DM)

Councillor - MSC Alternate

Company Representatives

Mick Redman (MR)

General Manager - Operations

Chris Lauritzen (CL)

General Manager - Resource Development

Lisa Richards (LR)

Environment & Community Manager

Kylie Sercombe (KS)

External Relations Officer

Sandy Lettice (SL)

Land & Property Officer

Thiess Representative

Peter York (PY)

Environment & Community Superintendent

Apologies

Richard Ali

Land & Property Officer

Jonathan Moore

Community Representative

De-Anne Douglas

Deputy Mayor & Councillor - MSC

Meeting Minutes

Sarah Purser (SP)

1. Welcome

WP opened the meeting at 10.06 a.m. welcoming all to the second MACH CCC Meeting of the year. Members were provided with a hard copy of today's meeting presentation

2. Acknowledgement of Country

Led by LR

3. Apologies

Advised and recorded.

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Standing Declarations; WP is remunerated by MACH for Chairing the CCC Meetings, as is SP for preparing the Meeting Minutes. TL is a member of the Denman Aberdeen Muswellbrook Scone Healthy Environment Group (DAMSHEG). WP called for any other declarations, nil were put forward.

5. Safety Share

MR reported that there had not been any lost time or recordable injuries since the previous CCC Meeting. Over the past three weeks there had been some safety incidents, MR chose to talk about one event on 5 May 2026, including sharing video footage.

MR noted that it is routine for haul trucks to have engine change outs during their working life. This activity was being undertaken by an experienced work crew and the process is for all hoses and connections to be disconnected prior to hoisting the engine out. On this occasion one small coolant hose had still been attached and when this gave way during the lift out the engine swung forward.

There had been no person contact nor injury, however this required reporting to the Resource Regulator (RR) and triggered an investigation by the RR and Theiss that had resulted in some impressive actions.

MR explained the take away from this event was that when conducting any jobs there are steps to follow, and given shift handovers are not always face to face, there is a strong reliance on the handover notes. WP felt the engine change outs would be common practice for other organisations and they may also be potentially subjected to this type of issue. MR noted on the back of broader concerns within the industry there had been resets done within the mining area that had instigated a "stop show" for a period to talk about what is important to people when coming to work and about working safely.

6. Minutes of the previous Meeting held 12 March 2026

The Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as a true record and are available via the Documents Section on the Company website.

<https://machenergyaustralia.com.au/community-consultative-committee/>

7. Matters Arising from the previous Minutes

Nil.

8. Chairs Report - Wej Paradise

WP advised there were no further updates since his report at the previous meeting.

9. Community Feedback

LB queried the structure being built over the coal conveyor. MR brought up a slide showing an aerial view of the mine site and identified the CV-6610 Conveyor that will run bypass coal into a transfer station through a feeder. MR described how the product coal would then be transported from the stockpile in the reclaim area via conveyor systems onto the Train Load-Out (TLO) conveyor. LB asked if there were any further updates on the TSF embankment wall going up. MR responded that MACH were nearing the Stage 2 embankment rise and from there forward would be building capacity. WP called for any further feedback and representatives responded all was good at that point in time.

10.Environmental Performance

Reporting Period; March, April, May 2026

MACH presented rainfall for March 20.8mm, April 0.6mm and May 100.6mm, LR noted that it had been a drier start to the year prior to a quite wet month in May.

Environmental Incidents

LR advised there had been four non-notifiable incidents in relation to spills. The Theiss team were reviewing the slight increase in spills to see if anything may have changed, as these had been out of the ordinary for the business.

Environmental Monitoring

LR confirmed that MACH's monitoring is made available on the company website. LR noted there had been a minor exceedance of the cumulative noise level recorded at one site and confirmed MACH had not been audible at that time. LR advised MACH have a protocol in place to notify neighbouring mines of any exceedances and had done so in this case.

LR advised that new Dust and Meteorological (MET) Stations were to be installed in the Kayuga area. The new Dust Monitor will be located behind the Fire Station. LR noted that it is MACH's practice to have Dust and MET Stations being synergistic, therefore the MET Station will be located in a large paddock on a property outside of Kayuga, being an ideal place given there will be no obstructions. LR added a variation to MACH's Noise Management Plan is required prior to installation of the new MET Station. Six monthly stream health was completed in May 2026.

Regulator Interaction

Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI)

LR detailed the updated Management Plans that were with the DPHI for approval, in the most part these had been administrative along with some monitor relocations.

Environment Protection Authority (EPA)

MACH were in receipt of a close out letter from the EPA in relation to potential sediment laden water leaving site in February, which had been reported to the CCC at the March Meeting. LR confirmed there were no further actions with the EPA comfortable with the immediate controls, protocols and responses MACH had in place. Two requests had been received from the EPA during April; one was in relation to dust in Aberdeen during February that had come from the Hunter Environment Advisory Group (HEAG) and the second was in relation to spontaneous combustion. MACH responded to both of these requests, there had been no feedback from the EPA to report. TL noted a community member located on Wybong Road had asked if MACH could contain spontaneous combustion, LR asked if that had been raised in April, and TL responded they did not state when this had occurred.

MACH had received a 5 year Review Notice from the EPA for their Environmental Protection Licence. LR noted this is a standard practice that provides an opportunity to make submissions regarding any changes or updates that have occurred over that period.

At a recent Hunter River Salinity Trading Scheme (HRSTS) Auction MACH had secured 4 credits and retired 15. As of 1 July 2026, 59 credits will be held by MACH. MACH have never had to discharge in accordance with the HRSTS and will look to maintain that level of credits going forward. WP noted that he is the Chair of the HRSTS Committee and LR is one of the representatives, which will enable them to provide any relevant updates on the HRSTS to the CCC.

Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW)

MACH submitted their Annual Review to the DCCEEW on 31 March 2026, when this has been approved MACH will issue the report out. TL noted MACH's previous Annual Review had been available on their website in March 2025. LR confirmed the commitment was for MACH to submit their Annual Review to DCCEEW on 31 March 2026, clarifying MACH's Annual Review is earlier. MR added that MACH have transitioned to new annual reporting dates. TL asked if these were 1 January to 31 December and LR confirmed that is correct. Therefore the March submission date allows for a three month period to submit the Annual Review after year end. LR noted there will be a period for Department feedback prior to finalisation.

Resource Regulator (RR)

MACH's Forward Program and Rehabilitation Cost Estimate (RCE) had been submitted on 31 March 2026. MACH had recently received feedback from the RR regarding clarification on elements in the RCE and were working through these requests for information, with responses due on 2 July 2026.

Rehabilitation

28 hectares of rehabilitation were completed in 2025. There is 15 hectares of planned rehabilitation for 2026. Rehabilitation in mining areas is targeting the Plant Community Type PCT3395; White Box-Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland and Derived Native Grassland. Annual Ecology monitoring commenced in May 2026.

11.Mount Pleasant Operation Update

The mining sequence had continued with operations progressing west. MR provided MACH's 2026 forecast volumes for total material movement (TMM), Mt. ROM coal and Mt. product coal. MR noted there had been a reduction in ROM coal due to MACH having high stock numbers. Given that larger volumes of ROM coal can be difficult to manage and possibly lead to spontaneous combustion MACH had pulled this coal out of the plan to manage risk. Mt Product coal was slightly up versus previous years and from an operations point of view, YTD MACH had been on track against budget. MR provided an overview of the equipment that was currently running on site.

The next stage of expansion was well underway with planned commissioning estimated for August 2026, this will allow MACH to mine at a rate of 16.5 Mtpa. MR presented an aerial view of the mine site and detailed the key elements of infra-structure. MR noted there had been in the order of 160 people working on this expansion project with all sub-contractors being local to the Hunter Valley area. The build associated with construction and peak manning were anticipated to reduce going forward. JD queried if the void would be filled and MR confirmed that is correct with the backfilling process underway.

Tailings Storage Facility Embankment Raise Project

Works Progress; Earth fill load, haul, placement, compaction and testing had continued, including placement of clay key trench on the northern side. MACH had continued installation of the new deposition lines.

In response to LB's interest regarding the embankment raise progress, MR identified the existing height via an aerial picture, noting the scope was for another 6 metres. MR explained that MACH will continue to work up at 300ml increments and anticipated to reach the 6 metre mark in August 2026. LB thanked MR for the update.

Northern Infrastructure Works Project

Northern Link Road (NLR)

Works Progress; Bulk earthworks were complete. Dorset Road east works were well underway. The staged install of road furniture and line marking were progressing. Tie in works had moved forward with a full traffic switch planned for ~ 20 July 2026. MACH had been working with Muswellbrook Shire Council (MSC) in relation to the traffic switch where the existing Castlerock Road corridor would be cut off and the new alignment will become available. MR noted this to have been an interesting project with the result being a good section of road and asset for MSC, MACH will continue a number of maintenance obligations going forward. TL queried the speed limit and MR advised 80Klm/Hr was the standard the road was required to be built to.

Water Infrastructure

MACH detailed the water management infrastructure that will be required prior to operations moving north of Castlerock Road. MR reported these works had been progressing well, noting drainage and culverts are key to construction works and a bonus for MACH was that there was quite a lot of rock that can be utilised for drainage structures to manage and slow water runoff.

12.Land Management

Muswellbrook Land & Property - Key Activities

Mitigation; MACH were in the process of developing a mitigation scope for another Kayuga resident. On a positive note, mitigation had been completed on a house on Kayuga Road and SL noted that it had been pleasing that the resident had been happy.

Acquisition; Discussions had continued with near neighbours.

Weed Compliance & Control; Weed works had slowed down over winter and were due to recommence in the spring months.

Negoa homestead refurbishment; The works forecast had been approved, SL noted MACH were keen to recommence these.

Fencing; MACH had been working on internal fences at Broomfield.

Water Management & Compliance; MACH have engaged a contractor to conduct an audit on their telemetry metres to keep these up to date and reading correctly.

Infrastructure; Contractors were working on replacing the old storm damaged hayshed at Karrabah.

Vertebrate pests; Feral pig control work had been carried out across site.

Vertebrate Pest Control Programs; SL confirmed MACH's Autumn program had been completed across participating properties. SL acknowledged the good work and results in relation to pig and fox numbers that had been achieved by their contractor; Edge of the Outback, who utilise thermal imagery. SL offered to provide the Edge of the Outback reports as an update at the next CCC. WP noted the large number of pigs that had been captured via thermal imagery and SL confirmed the successful control numbers of 150 in one night. LB asked if there was still a pig track down at Broomfield and SL confirmed that to be the case.

Offsets Land & Property - Key Activities

Water Infrastructure; Works were underway on the Offstream Riparian Water Project at Wahrane.

Housing Refurbishment; Renovations to the Invernisk Homestead had been completed with the property now tenanted.

Bushfire Management; MACH were in the process of obtaining quotations for 2026 fire trail maintenance works.

Weed Compliance & Control; Contractors were undertaking blackberry control and spraying programs. SL noted there had been the ability to spray for a longer period this year due to the warmer winter conditions.

Fencing; Clear Spring Fencing were constructing the St Antoine riparian fence.

Offset Management Plan (OMP) Revegetation Program; DNA Environmental had prepared the native species lists for the 2027-2030 revegetation program.

Delta Land Management; Revegetation works were underway across 85 hectares at St Antoine.

Mt Pleasant Operations - Family Days; Offered an opportunity to provide information about what MACH do in relation to Land & Property. Activities & Displays Included; Land & Property Information, over 800 Native Plant Giveaways that had been grown in MACH's nursery, Vertebrate Pest & Weed Management, Lamb Weight Guessing Competition and Native Seed Collection & Propagation Demonstrations.

SL advised this had been a positive day and MACH had received good feedback from it.

MACH Agri; Key activities had included; planting of over 230 hectares of forage cereal crops, weaning, treating and drafting weaners into weight brackets and the production of silage bales. SL advised that two new centre pivots were being constructed at Pastime. This new infrastructure will irrigate approximately 36 hectares of productive agricultural land and this investment will enhance irrigation capacity and support increased production opportunities. SL noted that there are a lot of shifts required with irrigators so the centre pivots will also improve efficiency.

14.External Relations

LR provided an overview of complaints received during the reporting period and detailed these by complainant. There had been an increase in May, predominantly in relation to noise as the season had moved into winter, however MACH did not have any compliance issues. LR explained that 15 of the 16 complaints received in May for noise were from one complainant who has mitigation and acquisition rights in relation to noise. LR noted that it was known that noise would be audible at this particular property, therefore MACH have been in consultation with that landowner. MACH manage noise in accordance to set requirements, LR noted a complaint will trigger MACH's Trigger Action Response Plan (TARP), from which investigations are undertaken and modifications are made to operations where appropriate.

TL noted that mid-morning on the previous Tuesday, 10.30 a.m., when looking from Dorset Road to the new Road works, there had been a layer of dust and queried if that would have been caused by an inversion. MR confirmed an inversion does trap airborne contaminants, similarly this type of view can also be seen when driving down Wybong Road and into Singleton from the Branxton end.

LR confirmed inversions are a known phenomenon and they impact noise as well. In relation to noise concerns, LR noted the operations had not really changed but the meteorological conditions had. TL noted some years back a blast had shook his house and that had been attributed to another mine in the area due to the blast output being trapped and moved by the weather conditions. MR noted that MACH's Engineers do look for temperature inversions prior to blasting and LR confirmed an inversion has the capability to change the direction of noise.

Stakeholder Engagement - Sponsorship & Community

- Ongoing stakeholder engagement with local neighbours and businesses including residents in Kayuga, Aberdeen and Muswellbrook.
- Community Update flyers for the Northern Link Road works distributed to near neighbours.
- The General Manager Operations and team members attended Muswellbrook Chamber of Commerce meetings each month.
- MACH representatives attended local sporting matches and community events, which included the Upper Hunter Show.
- ACDF Committee Meeting was held in April at the Newcastle Uni Upper Hunter Rooms.
- Through the ACDF funding partnership with Clontarf (Muswellbrook High School), two events were held that MACH representatives attended.
- Mount Pleasant Operation hosted a site morning tea for International Women's Day.
- Community Newsletter was distributed throughout the local Community early May.
- MACH was the major sponsor for the Beat the Burn in the Bush Ball which was held at Scone, raising funds for the Sydney Burns Unit, a facility used by many local residents.
- A school tour was conducted in March through the Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue, which saw Year 9 students from St Joseph's High School visit the operation. LR noted that many students may only know about jobs as fitters or driving haul trucks. MACH tend to make the school tours more career orientated and talk about other work opportunities for employees across the business, such as accounts roles.
- Mount Pleasant Operation hosted a Biggest Morning Tea, raising funds for the Cancer Council.
- In May, Mount Pleasant Operation held two Family Days. These events provided the families of their employees with an insight into their work and were both highly successful, with strong participation. These were large events well represented by employees, local groups i.e. Rural Fire Services, Lions Food, CWA. LR noted that the Family Days had sounded very successful. LR agreed, noting there had been good feedback across the board, not just from visitors but stall holders as well.

Sponsorships 2026

MACH's sponsorship program has provided support to 50 organisations to date. LR noted that not only do MACH sponsor organisations, but they are also actively engaged in events.

2026 Sponsorships include:-

- Muswellbrook Rams Junior Rugby League
- Top Gun Breakaway Roping Scone
- Scone and District Netball
- Merton Living Denman
- Merriwa Show
- Merriwa Festival of the Fleeces
- Sandy Hollow Motorfest
- Hunter Warbirds Scone
- Hunter Stockman's Challenge
- Scone Junior Football Club
- Scone Junior Rugby Union Club
- Merriwa Cricket Club
- Fire-fighters for the Burns Unit Ball Scone
- Aberdeen Highland Games
- Olympic Park Tennis Club Muswellbrook
- Scone Junior Rugby League
- AusIMM Women in Mining NSW
- Merriwa Rodeo
- Scone Girl Guides
- Merriwa Race Club
- Denman Rugby League Football Club
- Upper Hunter Show
- Muswellbrook Chamber of Commerce Business Awards
- Aberdeen Golf Club
- Murrurundi Rugby League Football Club
- Dolly's Charity Cancer Appeal Singleton
- Muswellbrook Chamber of Commerce Business Awards
- St Josephs Catholic College Aberdeen
- Upper Hunter Stock Dog Challenge
- Muswellbrook Polocrosse
- Aberdeen and Scone Lions Club
- Westpac Helicopter Upper Hunter Charity Golf Day
- Denman Public School
- Merriwa Pony Club
- Aberdeen Public School
- Cassilis Pony Club
- King of the Rangers
- Scone Campdraft
- Jerrys Plains Rodeo
- Muscle in the Brook
- Bunnan Polocrosse

11.Applications and Approvals

CL joined the meeting on-line at 11.17 a.m., noting today's update was similar to what had been previously reported to the CCC.

Mount Pleasant Optimisation Project

- Challenges to mine approvals by well funded activist groups are continuing - this "lawfare" is designed to create uncertainty and shut down the mining industry.
- MACH Energy's appeal against the recent NSW Court of Appeal decision was heard in the High Court on 13 May, 2026. MACH now wait for the verdict.
- In the meantime, MACH Energy will continue to operate in alignment with existing approvals and conditions and will explore all options to provide long-term continuity and certainty for its staff, contractors, customers, and the local community.

CL noted the timing for the verdict was in the hands of the High Court, in the meantime MACH have submitted Modification 8 (MOD8) to DA 92/97 seeking to extend mining operations to December 2032. CL confirmed that MACH had responded to submissions and in particular wanted to thank the community for their overwhelming support for MOD8.

MOD8 Submissions

971 Public & Organisation submissions received; 687 Supporting, 277 Objecting and 7 Comments.

CL noted that 81% of objections had been from outside of the Hunter Region, including a large number from Sydney.

Within Muswellbrook; 138 Supporting, 10 Objecting and 1 Comment.

CL noted this had shown the support that comes from the local area. CL advised the next step is for the DPHI to review MOD8 and confirmed the detailed Response to Submissions Report is available for viewing on the NSW Government Planning Portal.

TL referred to the first point on the presentation slide, noting this statement had been put up for the third Meeting, and advised as follows. We are a local community group. We did not bring the High Court case. All legal teams had operated under a "no win/no pay" arrangement. We received a large community response with "GoFundMe" type donations. Our concern is around climate change and the climate children and grand children are going to inherit, it was not designed to create uncertainty and there are no objections to mining. TL noted that MACH had acknowledged in their Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that there would be a contribution to climate change. TL referenced tonnes of carbon in relation to the percentage of the entire global emissions for one year. TL asked if the first point was going to be left in the presentation, he would like this included in the Minutes.

CL noted there is 8 billion tonnes of coal burned globally on an annual basis and therefore disputed TL's calculations. CL raised that TL was looking at emissions from burning coal whereas CL was looking at coal tonnes. TL stated he did not want to argue in this forum. CL again stated that TL's maths were incorrect and that he and TL would need to 'agree to disagree' on the first point, reiterating that the group is well funded.

WP confirmed the points in this discussion would be taken on record as being raised at today's meeting. CL queried if this is a case of CCC membership or activist membership. WP responded the CCC's were established by the NSW Government to have community and stakeholder representatives to represent the rich tapestry of a community. WP thanked CL for the update and CL departed the meeting at 11.16 a.m.

15. General Business

With regard to the NLR, MR noted there is a commitment in the Works Deed with MSC to replace the culvert on the alluvial flat on Wybong Road. MR advised these works would require Wybong Road to be closed for a period.

TL queried when the works to widen the intersection of Kayuga and Wybong Roads, to enable the transport of wind turbines, may go ahead. MR responded that would be captured within Energy Co's documentation in relation to transport diversions around Muswellbrook. MR noted that ultimately the Muswellbrook Bypass will be used for transport and TL noted the Bypass completion may not be for many years to come.

LR confirmed a site tour had been suggested for the September Meeting. MR proposed taking the CCC to view the TSF Embankment Raise, and a potential drive through the Northern Infrastructure Works. DM confirmed he would like to join in on this tour.

Actioned Post Meeting: KS emailed a calendar invite to members for the 17 September 2026 Meeting, with the Tour due to commence at 9.30 a.m., followed by the CCC Meeting.

WP thanked members for their attendance and involvement at today's meeting. WP closed the meeting at 11.32 a.m. and MACH provided lunch and refreshments for attendees.

16. Proposed Meeting Dates

17 September 2026; Commencing with Site Tour at 9.30 a.m. prior to CCC Meeting

10 December 2026; 10.00 a.m.